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SUBJECT: US STRATEGY AND FORCES IN ASIA - CONSULTATIONS  
WITH ALLIED AND FRIENDLY GOVERNMENTS

REF: STATE 048938

1. SUMMARY: DETAILS U.S. FORCES EAST ASIA GIVEN TO  
MINISTER OF STATE FOR PRESIDENCY. MINISTER DEFENSE  
REACTION TO AMBASSADOR BY STATING HIS UNDERSTANDING NIXON  
DOCTRINE WOULD BE TO PLACE MORE EMPHASIS ON BUILDING UP  
NATIONAL FORCES IN ASIA. END SUMMARY

2. IN ORDER ASSURE DETAILS U.S. FORCES IN ASIA WERE  
BROUGHT TO ATTENTION HIGHEST LEVEL GOI, I AWAITED  
OPPORTUNITY PRESENT INFORMATION IN REFTEL TO MINISTER OF  
STATE SUDHARMONO IN PRESIDENT SUHARTO'S OFFICE. THIS  
DONE APRIL 19.

3. IN CALL ON MINISTER OF DEFENSE GENERAL PANGGABEAN  
APRIL 25 GENERAL NOTED HE HAD RECEIVED DETAILS FROM  
GENERAL SUDHARMONO. HE SAID HE FOUND DETAILS OF U.S.  
FORCES INTERESTING AND HOPED U.S. WOULD MAINTAIN MILITARY  
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PRESENCE IN ASIA. HE COMMENTED, HOWEVER, THAT IN CONTEXT

NIXON DOCTRINE HE LOOKED FOR GREATER U.S. EMPHASIS IN  
BUILDING UP NATIONAL FORCES. HE EXPRESSED SERIOUS CON-  
CERN OVER DETERIORATING SITUATION IN SOUTH VIETNAM, CAMBODIA,  
LAOS AND THAILAND. IN HIS OPINION, INDONESIA WAS PERFECT  
EXAMPLE  
OF COUNTRY ENVISIONED BY NIXON DOCTRINE AND HOPED  
THAT USG WOULD CONTINUE ASSIST INDONESIA IN BUILDING  
DEFENSE CAPABILITY.

4. AMBASSADOR NOTED THAT U.S. MAKING SPECIAL EFFORTS TO  
CONTINUE MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO INDONESIA ALTHOUGH  
INDONESIA'S IMPROVED FINANCIAL SITUATION MAY REQUIRE RE-  
ADJUSTMENT IN GRANT PORTION AND MORE EMPHASIS ON CREDIT  
SALES.

5. AMBASSADOR SAID HE ALSO AWARE OF INDONESIAN INTEREST  
IN C 130S AND THIS STILL BEING PURSUED.

6. GENERAL PANGGABEAN EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THE  
TWO DE'S AND SAID HE HOPED THE OTHER TWO WOULD BE FORTH-  
COMING. GENERAL PANGGABEAN SAID THAT INDONESIA PLANNED  
TO CONTINUE BILATERAL NAVAL TRAINING EXERCISES WITH  
NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES TO INCLUDE INDIA. INDIA, HE SAID,  
HAD IN PAST TENDED TO IGNORE INDONESIAN NAVY AND THAT A  
TRAINING EXERCISE WOULD ASSIST IN REMINDING INDIA THAT  
INDONESIA HAS A NAVALCAPABILITY.

7. AMBASSADOR SAID HE TOO HOPED WE COULD PROVIDE  
ADDITIONAL DE'S. AMBASSADOR EXPLAINED THAT CONGRESS, AND U.S.  
DOMESTIC SITUATION AND OTHER FACTORS HAD BEARING ON MAP.

8. THE GENERAL SAID HE UNDERSTOOD BUT BECAUSE OF UN-  
CERTAINTY OF LEVEL OF MAP SUPPORT INDONESIA HAD DIFFICULTY  
IN PREPARING BUDGET. HE SAID THEY WERE CONSIDERING  
CHANGING THEIR BUDGET PROCEDURES TO BETTER ACCOMMODATE  
DIFFERENCE IN START OF FISCAL YEARS (U.S. ON JULY 1 AND  
INDONESIA ON APRIL 1) AND UNCERTAINTY OF LEVEL OF U.S.  
SUPPORT. HE SUGGESTED INDONESIAN BUDGET WOULD NOT BE  
FIRMED UP UNTIL U.S. MAP SUPPORT LEVEL KNOWN. AMBASSADOR  
SUGGESTED THAT AT LATER TIME CHIEF DLG, COLONEL MCCUEN

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AND HE MEET WITH THE GENERAL FOR COMPLETE REVIEW OF MAP  
PROGRAM AND ADDED AT THAT TIME HE HOPED INDONESIANS  
WOULD LIST THEIR REQUIREMENTS IN PRIORITY. GENERAL  
PANGGABEAN AGREED TO SET UP TIME FOR SUCH MEETING.  
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